Questions and Answers from Supervisor's Audio Forum 6/10/09 – Plus Tips.

TOPIC: EMIS – Business Warehouse Queries and Reports

From Cindy in Idaho:

1.   Is the wild card feature available when running reports?

A: Yes, the * (asterisk) is a wildcard – however, depending on what report you run you may be limited to what you are authorized to see (e.g. restricted to a specific cost center).

From Cecelia V Smith, Budget Analyst, WO880 Budget Division:

2.   What is the best way to search for an IPAC #?

A: Need more clarification here. Is this related to a reimbursable? Is this the Treasury IPAC # or the R-3 document number?

3.   Is there a way to ZIP a file while saving?
A: No, don't know of a way.

4.   Is there a "data dictionary" defining what all the field names mean and where the data is originating from?
A: No

5.   Need to know more specifically how to accomplish reconciliation of Labor utilizing the Funds Status Report.

A: Labor is posted at a summary level in R-3. The easiest way to identify it in the fund status reports is by commitment item or major object class (11, 12).

6.   From Dave Stout, Field Manager, Kremmling Field Office: (6) & (7) and from Rob Nauert, CA SO for #6. The website you mentioned for the FBMS manual/help/tips??? at the end of the conference was garbled.   Please send the correct address.

A: http://teamspace/sites/fbmssteer - See the Announcement Section.   Also under Documents on the left side (the Document Library) – click on EMIS.

7.   It is my understanding that getting labor reports is accomplished by going to the FPPS folder in the BEx Web Analyzer (e.g.slide 72 in your presentation), but that the data provided is by subactivity (with PE), office, etc., but not by employee name. If this is correct, is there a way to have employee names included (and maybe drop the program elements)? With the PEs included, it makes the reports huge. PEs might be desired at times, but are not needed at other times. It would be good to be able to turn them on or off when building a report.   Without names, the data is not especially useful.

A: Employee name is only available in the Restricted Labor reports

8.   Question on slide 21. Emily Guilland EUFO, OR

I thought you said that the "R/3 FM to MM Recon Report" would give us information on "funds returned to budget". I did not find what I needed with this report.

What I'm hunting for is a report that shows (by Fund Center and Functional Area) the difference in Prior Year Obligations (the old PayMore / PayLess information). I need to know what this recovery is by Functional Area so I can reprogram these funds back into the budget (or hold money back to cover them). In the old MIS system we had a Prior Year indicator field but I have not found this field anywhere in EMIS. My fear is that we will not be able to identify this information till the end of the fiscal year when it will be too late to correct the situation.

Can you give me any help on where to look?

> A: Gary Grimstevdt will need to answer this.
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> Other suggestions: Try running the UDO - V2 report from BEx Analyzer for 4500006953 just as an example - What I was talking about was the obligated amount shows $2510 - this is not the $ amount shown on the Display Purchase Order transaction for this number - The Ordered amount under the Header > Status tab if $8,800.
> Go to Acquisition > Purchasing > Display Purchase order - type in 4500006953 - expand the header and click on the Status tab. Expand Item Detail - highlight Item 10 and Under Item detail click on Purchase Order history.
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> Reason for this is: The GR/IR indicator on the ZMOB doc was checked at time of IPAC payment in the amount of $2510 - therefore the difference of $6,290 was returned to budget and no future payment can be made until the document is fixed. There will be information forthcoming on how and who can do that.
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> You may also run the R/3 report R/3 FM to MM Recon Report for this doc to see what I mean. This report however must be used with caution – just because a document is listed does not mean there is a problem with the document. The FM Module and the MM Module are not designed to be in sync.

Other Tips: The UDO Aging Report is a custom R-3 report. That means that it is written in ABAP and reads the R-3 tables not the Business Warehouse and runs real-time. It is highly recommended you don't run bureau-wide reports. If a report is run bureau-wide it does affect system performance. Also the report most likely will be quite large. Remember, there is a 66,000 row limitation for downloading to Excel. For large reports, it is suggested to click the Save button not the Open button in the export screen. Also running R/3 reports don't work as well in the late afternoon when the manual production jobs have been kicked off (usually around 3:30 or so)

Thanks for attending the Supervisor's Audio Forum in June!